REPORTS BY THE TWO LEADING COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

AUSPICUOUS OPENING OF NEW YEAR.

Improvement in Conditions Ove. Those That Existed at the Beginning of 1897-Monetary Situation No Longer Matter of Anxiety.

NEW YORK, December 31 .- Messrs, R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade

The failures for the year which closed ast night have been smaller in total Babilities than in any other year since 1882.

ng-houses for the week, 14.2 per cent, arger than in 1892, has for the month siness the latter months of this year TRON INDUSTRY.

The iron industry has been greatly encouraged by increased demand during the past few weeks, and while the improve 10.8 cents, in spite of large exports de lead is quoted at \$3.721-2 and speite

markets are pushed by the increasing demand for breadstuffs. Wheat has declined i-8 of a cent, with the Chicago mar-

ably heavy, and yet the slight advance last week is maintained. The movemen to date, although more than seven mil lion bales have come into sight, scarcely supports the largest current estimates. The failures for the week have been 28 in the United States, against 439 last year and Il in Canada, against 39 last year, BRADSTREET'S VIEW.

Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Holf-day quiet and stock-taking close a year which, while not fully realizing the most sanguine expectations, certainly contained much that was gratifying, and more than full of promise for the year 1808. Following a series of years of alternate stagnation and slow and even painful revival, 1837 presented a large volume of business done as a whole at prices which, while not altogether satisencouraged speculation, and brought heavy imports in the first part of 1897, while the enlarged foreign demand for American breadstuffs, and for some va-rieties of manufactured articles, bettered and, therefore, business-men, quite materially. In the latter part to the year. Price conditions have not favored the southern producer of cotton or the northern manufacturer of cotton goods. The best reports come from the West, Northwest, and Pacific coast.

a higher range than at the opening, advances being most numerous in food products, raw silk, and wool, while decreases are to be reported in raw cotton and cotton goods, nearly all the metals, anthracite, coal, and petroleum. Rail-road interests share in the revival of road interests share in the revival of prosperity, with gross and het earnings larger than in any year since 1833, and the year 1838 opens with the business community, with the few exceptions notes, in a very cheerful frame of mind. A heavy falling off in the number and the liabilities of individuals, firms or corporations falling was shown in 1897 from 1896, and the four preceding years. A partial return to more or less normal A partial return to more or less normal conditions is further indicated by a drop

In the percentage of assets to liabilities and by a reduction in the commercia death rate, as compared with every year death rate, as compared with every year since and including 1883. The total number of failures reported to Bradstreet's for the year just closed was 13.00% a decrease of 2,000 failures and over 15 per cent, from 1896; a failing off

of 15 per cent from the punic year of 1895, and a decrease of more than 2 per cent from 1891, a year of prosperity, but of numerous business embarrassments. Compared with 1895, there was a gain in number of failures shown of about f of 1 per cent., while compared with there was an increase of 27 per cent. liabilities of those failing constituted of the smallest totals of recent years, outting to only \$156,165,000, a decrease 37 per cent, from 1831, but a guin of per cent, over 1802. The least favor-ie showing is made by the Eastern ics, which report increases in num-and liabilities over 1896. In spite of resision in cotton prices, southern lures and liabilities are smaller than year ago, while the greatest falling is reported in the West and the North

The commercial death-rate-that is, the recentage of those in business failing 1807—was 1.20, as compared with 1.40

as witnessing the heaviest business, both speculative and commercial, done since the record year 1892, just preceding the panic. The total clearings at fifty-eight cities for the year, one week estimated, eggregated at least \$56,925,000, a sum arger by 12 per cent, than the total of 826, a year of silver agitation and an xciting presidential election; 8 per cent. larger than 1895, the disappointing year, boom in iron and kindred products led to false hopes of business improve-ments; 25 per cent, over 1894, when the depth of depression following the panic may be said to have been reached; 5 per cent, over 1833, the year of widespread disaster in financial and commercial ircles, and only 7 per cent, smaller than the total of 1882, when the boom follow-ing the large foreign demand for Ameri-can breadstuffs and other products reached its height.

Practically the entire gain in clearings in 1897 was concentrated in the last six months, and it is a significant fact that the heaviest monthly total reported for of December. Gains were heaviest in the Northwest, the Middle and the New Eng land States, and smallest in the South and Southwest, in the latter region rade improvement being rather later in

year ago, and 700,000 bushels larger than last week. Corn exports are slightly smaller, aggregating 4,086,000 bushels against 4,879,000 bushels last week and

742,000 bushels last year. Business failures for the Dominion of anada and Newfoundland for the calen dar year 1897 amounted to 1,927, with to-tal liabilities of \$13,219,000, a falling off of 13 per cent, in number and of 19 per cent, in liabilities from a year ago.

LEXINGTON.

Narrow Escape from Drowning-Telephone-Line Cut.

LEXINGTON, VA., December 3L-(Sp. cial.)-The following officers were elected ensuing term: Noble Grand, John Melin; Vice-Grand, R. H. Manspile; Recording Secretary, J. V. Grinstead; Financial Secretary, Joseph B. Holmes; Treasurer, Thomas H. Deaver; Sitting Past Grand,

of Mr. S .O. Campbell his residence, or Jefferson street, for the sum of \$1,500.

busy for the past two days issuing man eleven weddings have taken place in the town and county, and it is rumored that

stitute mess-hall has been equipped with a new twelve-horse power engine in order to supply the necessary steam for cooking and heating.

Cadet Shoemaker, while skating on the river near here, had a narrow escape from drowning. He, with several of his comrades, skated out on a narrow strip rades from the bank out to the exhausted

county line between this point and Rock-bridge Alum Springs allowed some one to use his 'phone during his absence. curred some eight mlies from where the 'phone had been removed. Every effort will be made to bring the offenders to

PETERSBURG.

Candidates in the Field-Watch-Night Services-Notes.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.-(Special.)-The spring campaign for municipal offices has already opened, and the contests for the several positions to be There have been three candidates for the mayoralty in the field for several months. the city, which will be supplemented with another general handshaking in the near future. The announcement to-day of the candidacy of Police-Sergeant Crichtch for the office of High Constable makes the fourth candidate in the field for that po-sition. The Police Commissioners' action Wednesday night in rescinding the police resolutions prohibiting police officers from regulations prohibiting police officers from for by the people made possible Sergean

garet Pannill, which occurred at Corsi-cana, Tex., on December 23d, was received here to-day. Deceased was the widow of Henry Pannill, and was a native of Petersburg. Dr. William Pannill.

tive of Petersburg. Dr. William Pannili. of Texas, was her eldest son. He, with many relatives in this city and other sections of Virginia, survives her.

Judge Timothy Rives appeared before the Hustings Court of this city to-day and qualified as Judge of the County Court of Prince George and Surry for the term beginning January I, 1898. Judge Rives has already served two terms as Judge of the above courts, he having first been elected in 1883.

Judge of the above courts, he having first been elected in 1883.

Eton Johnson, the young man who attempted to kill the Fellows family in Camden, N. J., and then committed suicide, was a native of Petersburg. He removed from here to Richmond with his father a number of years ago. Johnson, Server for several years a merchant

father a number of years ago. Johnson, Sr., was for several years a merchant here, doing business on Old street.
Christmas-tree entertainments for the benefit of the Sunday schools took place to-night at the First Baptist and the Wesley Methodist Episcopal churches.
The watch-night services at West-Street Methodist Episcopal church to-night were largely attended. Rev. E. T. Dadmun conducted the services and administered communion. communion.

WYTHEVILLE.

Marriage-Pretty Church Decerations-Personal and General. WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 31 .-

Special.)-A beautiful marriage was witnessed at the Episcopal church, in this place. Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Katle, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Charles R. Boyd, and Mr. R. R. Irion, of Eola, La. The sacred edifice was most beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and large potted plants. The after was exceedingly beautiful and attractive, being banked high with palms, and the many lighted candles thereon added greatly to the beauty of the same.

The ceremony was performed by the popular rector of St. John's church, Rev. Dr. M. P. Logan. The attendants were Misses Lazzie Kent, Helen Moore, Sue Spiller, and Fannie Fuiton, and Messrs, Robert Crockett, Jr., Normant Powell, Hugh and Joseph E. Caldwell. The ushers were Messrs. W. O. Moore, T. G.

ushers were Messis. W. O. Moore, P. G. Kent, F. H. Teny, and H. J. Henser. Mr. Kent Spiller was best man and Miss Cornelia Boyd was maid of honor.

After the ceremony the bridal party were driven to the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spiller, uncle and Mrs. William H. Spiller, uncle and aunt of the bride, where a sumptuous supper, of all that the season could give awaited them. Mr. and Mrs. Irion left on the south-bound train for their future

Those indices of the business situation—

Bank clearances—point to the year 1897 tiful home near town Thursday evening.

The south-board train for their future moiningst last in the principal town. The loss town, tiful home near town Thursday evening.

Miss Fannie Fulton entertains the Endof-the-Century Club Thursday afternoon.
The negro, William Miller, who was shot by a negro woman on Main street.
Monday, is still alive, and it is thought that he will recover.
Bud Williams and Henry Sharitz, two

young farmers who live near town, en-gaged in a difficulty Wednesday, during which Sharitz stabbed Williams with a pocket-knife, but not fatally.

WILLIAMSBURG.

In a Very Critical Condition-Church Entertainment.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 31.— (Special.)—Mrs. Alexander Richardson, who suffered a stroke of paralysis of the entire right side last evening, is some-what easier to-day, but is in a very critical condition. Her husband and all of her daughter, who resides near Lambert

Mrs. Robert Griffin, who has been criti-cally ill for the past week, is thought to be a little better to-day. The Christmas entertainment at the

Methodist church last night was a great success. Each of the Sunday-school children received a nice present, and the lit-tle ones were delighted.

Mrs. Norvell Henley returned last evening from a delightful visit to her old home, in New Kent.

Miss Bessie Lamb, from near Toano,

s spending the holidays with relatives Dr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Bishop. who spent the Christmas with relatives in Petersburg, are expected home to-mor-

Mr. Macauley Eright is spending a week at Old Point with his college mate, Mr. homas Watson Brown. Mrs. Neal Whitehurst, from Norfolk.

re visiting relatives. William Christian, who spent the holidays at home with his mother, returned this morning to his duties on the Southern road near Lynchburg.
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. William Creasey and childhen, from Newport News, are here visiting the family of Mr. Charles Per-

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cottrell, from swport News, are the guests of Mrs. C.

Miss Clara Richardson, from Hampton, and Miss Bessie Wharton, from Norfolk, are visiting Professor and Mrs. Charles. Mrs. Lyon Tyler is lying at the point of

One Overruled, the Other Sustained. ROANOKE, VA., December 31.—(Spe-cial.)—In the Hustings Court to-day Judge John W. Woods overruled the demurrer evidence in the case of Graham songs vs. the Norfolk and Western. The railway attorneys in the former case will appeal the case to the Supreme Court, and counsel for Mrs. Wysong will probably do likewise. Both parties were awarded judgments against the railway company in the sum of \$10,000 during the present term of the court.

The American Bible Society Is Not Going Out of Business,

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The statement has frequently been made during the last few months in the pulpit, on the platform, and in the press, both religious and secular, that the American Bible Society, which has its than ever. But, because the society could publish only 1,500,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures during the past year, whilst it published 1,750,000 during the previous year, is no reason for saying that it will not publish any in the years

shown itself in the conduct of its bus-iness, ready to take advantage of any iness, ready to take advantage of any improvement in methods. And now, that such rapid strides are being made in the art of book-making, the Board of Managers show their business sense in considering the question as to how they can best take advantage of these changes.

P. S.—The following extract from the Bible Society Record, the official organ of the society, states the matter very

clearly:

The annual report of the American Bible Society, which was presented in May last, mentioned among other things as then under consideration in the Board of Managers the possible sale of the Bible house, which has now for more than forty years afforded ample room for its offices, press-room, and bindery, and yielded a considerable revenue from its rentals after paying for the expense or maintenance. For the society's own purposes the building was never more serviceable than at the present time, but the premises are larger than it needs, and as some of its tenants have been altracted to more modern buildings nearer to Madison Square, the conviction has gained ground that it would be well for the society to sell its building, so advantageously situated for certain kinds of business, whenever a satisfactory offer shall be received. Accordingly, at a special meeting of the managers, held on The annual report of the American Bible tageously situated for certain kinds of business, whenever a satisfactory offer shall be received. Accordingly, at a special meeting of the managers, held on the Zist of October, it was decided to sell the property as soon as it can be done at a fair price. How soon that will be offered no one ventures to predict. No urgency of affairs compels the society to take this step, nor has any plan been considered for purchasing or building elsewhere. Of course, the general work of the society will go on, and all its resources and efforts will be devoted in the future, as in the past, to the promotion of the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures in our own and foreign lands. The sale of the Bible House, whenever it may be accomplished, will, of course, bring to a practical issue the question whether it will be better to set up a new printing establishment in some other part of the city, or to rely upon procuring by contract such editions as its work requires. The conditions of business and of manufacture have materially changed in forty years, and possibly new light will be cast upon the problem as the months go by. For the present, however, the manufacture of Bibles and Testaments will be conducted as heretofore, and probably a new printing press of the most approved pattern will be procured to facilitate the publication of certain standare editions of the English Bible.

The financial condition of the society has not materially changed since its last "appeal" was sent out in April. The receipts from legacies and donations for the seven months since April 1st are larger than those of the corresponding months of 1826, and have been fully equal to the

than those of the corresponding months of 1895, and have been fully equal to the expenditures thus far made. But those receipts are not on a scale sufficient to meet the appropriations for the fiscal year, and the work for which the society stands pledged will not be provided for by the current receipts of the year, unless

by the current receipts of the year, unless a large increase is made between now and tha 31st of March next.

With thanks for generous gifts already received, the society still appeals to churches and individuals who bave not found it convenient thus far to respond to lend their aid in circulating among the ignorant and needy the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make men wise unto salvation through faith which is in anto salvation through faith which is in Confingration in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 31.-Wilson, on east Main street, in Lebanon, thirty miles from Nashville, at midnight last night, destroyed eight of the principal business houses in the The losses aggregate \$75,000; in-

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

REPORTS FROM ALL GREAT BUSI-NESS CENTRES OF THE WORLD. Grain, Tobacco, Cotton, Cattle,

Country Produce. &c. Foreign

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. NEW YORK, December 31.-To-day's market for stocks was very dull, and net changes for the most part are trivial, and are divided amongst gains and night's level, under the belief that they

Grangers, with early strength, Burlington crossing par, but later recessions carried prices below last night's level. The news this morning from foreign

ss in speculative circles over the out-

The bank statement was regarded as eing so involved with the Union Pacific operation as to offer no indication of the irifi of general conditions. The somewhat contradictor

The somewhat contradictory firmness of money and hardness of foreign exchange continued to-day, though both st. L. & J. M. consol 5's... St. L. & S. F. general 6's. markets were very dull. The Sub-Treahouse to-day, again reflecting the con-tinuing replenishment of the money mar-

The increase in the gross earnings of the Pennsylvania system for November over last year was \$1,492,400, and the in-crease in net was \$759,300, REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

The week has been one of dulness or

the stock market, and on the part of a few specialties of a more highly speculative character, aimost apathy. market has been insignificant. Various causes have contributed to the

dulness. The holiday season has kept headquarters in New York, has found headquarters in New York, has found itself to be a failure; that it has about decided to sell its valuable Bible-house at the end of the year, as far as is possition. Profit-taking in the stocks of local corporations caused some sharp recessions in values, but later developments

have improved. United States 4's, both new and old issues, are 1-4 lower bid,

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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Rio Grande Western.
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Chicago Great Western.

St. Louis And Southwestern. United States 4's, new, registered

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

Denver & R. G. 4's.
Lenver & R. G. 4's.
East Tennessee 1sts. M. K. T. 2ds.
M. K. T. 4s.
New York Central Ists.
New Jersey Central 5's.

Virginia deferred.....

BANK CLEARINGS. The total bank clearings for the week were \$1,188,351,046; per cent. increase, 42.4. Total, exclusive of New York, \$445,052,069;

RICHMOND STORE MARKER. Sales.-Norfolk and Western 4's-3,000 at GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. United States 4's, 1907 114

STATE SECURITION. | North Carolina 6's. | 106 | North Carolina 6's. | 129 | Virginia 3's (108) | 79 | Centurios | 6938 | City Securities. | 6938 | RAILROAD BONDS.

6 s. 103
Char, Col & Aug. 2d 7's. 118
Georgia Pacific 1st 6's. 123
Georgia, Southern & Florida 5's 103
Petersburg (Class A) 5's. 113
Petersburg (Class B) 6's. 116 new and old issues, are 1-4 lower old, and the 5's, 1-8 lower.

The total sales of stock to-day were 155,700 shares, including the following: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 40,425; Manhattan L. 28,566; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,337; Rock Island ex-dividend, 3,125; St. Paul, 9,600; American Spirits preferred, 4,305; Bay State Gas, 3,200; Sugar, 27,155.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

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Money on call firm at 3 1-26; per last loan at 4 per cent.; closing offered at 3 1-26; per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 31-26; 3-4 per cent.

Sterling exchange dull and casier, with actual business in bankers' bills at actual business in bankers' bills at 34.84.2-86; says 1.26; 1

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"Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years. RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond Tobacco Market.

Richmond, Va., December 31, 1897.

Private sales on the Richmond (Va.)
market for the month, ending to-day
were as follows: Wrappers, 35 hogsheads;
illiers, 432 hogsheads; smokers, 35 hogsheads;
cutters, 305 hogsheads; dark leaf,
180 hogsheads; scrap, 23 hogsheads; Burley, I hogshead; iugs, 43 hogsheads; stems,
17 hogsheads. Total, 1,075 hogsheads.

FISCAL, AND, CALENDAR, YEAR

it hogsheads; lugs, 43 hogsheads; stems, 11 hogsheads. Total, 1,075 hogsheads.

FISCAL AND CALENDAR YEAR LOOSE SALES.

Loose sales for December, 1,472,114 pounds. For October, November, and December they were 2,318,259 pounds, total. Total loose sales for the calendar year were 5,531,978 pounds. December loose sales were the smallest since 1889, and averaged since 2,600,000 pounds. About one half the dark loose is sold. December was too harsh for larger sales. Stocks on hand for five years, on December 3ist, in hogsheads and therees, by inspector's report:

1897—Inspected, 12,100 hogsheads, 46 tierces; uninspected, 5,207 hogsheads, 4 tierces. Total stock, 17,307 hogsheads, 49 tierces; uninspected, 14,812 hogsheads, 372 tierces; uninspected, 14,812 hogsheads, 65

ferces. 1886—Inspected, 14.842 hogsheads, 372 lerces; uninspected, 4.826 hogsheads, 65 lerces. Total stock, 19,665 hogsheads, 437

tierces. — Inspected. 14,123 hogsheads, 394 tierces; uninspected, 4,488 hogsheads, 21 tierces. Total stock, 18,621 hogsheads, 375 tierces. 1234—Inspected. 16,898 hogsheads. 898 tierces; uninspected. 3,405 hogsheads. 37 tierces. Total stock, 20,304 hogsheads, 845

tierces. 1833—Inspected. 29,106 hogsheads, 1,227 tierces, uninspected, 2,558 hogsheads, 25 tierces. Total stock, 22,964 hogsheads, 1,282 Decrease in stocks by warehouse reports, 40 hogsheads.

DECEMBER INSPECTIONS

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Bright leaf, 1,432 hogsheads and 134 tierces; dark, 545 hogsheads and 134 tierces; western, 329 hogsheads. Total, 2,288 hogsheads and 24 tierces, against 3,260 hogsheads and 22 tierces in 178, and 2,423 hogsheads and 23 tierces in 1894, 4,966 hogsheads and 252 tierces in 1894, 4,918 hogsheads and 542 tierces in 1892, 4,578 hogsheads and 178 tierces in 1892, 3,653 hogsheads and 171 tierces in 1892, 3,653 hogsheads and 714 tierces in 1892, 5,533 hogsheads and 78 tierces in 1895, 5,521 hogsheads and 78 tierces in 1895, 5,211 hogsheads and 30 tierces in 1885, 4,924 hogsheads and 444 tierces in 1886.

Total sampling October, November, and

hogsheads, 175 boxes and October, 26.03; August, \$6.05; September, 26.05; tierces. 1896-4,043 hogsheads, 74 boxes and tierces. 1895-3,505 hogsbeads, 325 boxes and tierces.

tierces.

The tobseco men of the Dispatch wishes all its readers and the Trade a happy new year, and congratulates them on the past year's better showing than 1896.
Visitors in the city to-day: Thomas Washington, Wilson, N. C.; Ed. Crews, Rocky Mount, N. C.; W. A. Bobbitt, Kinston, N. C.; J. F. Rodgers, Goldsborg', N. C.; Dr. E. T. White, W. D. Currie, Oxford, N. C.; W. J. Boykin, Wilson, N. C.

Among the visitors here recently were B. Wells and bride, Boydton, Va.; W. I. Smoot, Durham, N. C.; R. O. Jeffress, arboro, N. C.; L. E. Cooper, Wilson, C.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET. NEW YORK, December 31.-Flour-Neg-ected and nominally unchanged.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Flour—Neg lected and nominally unchanged.

Rye Flour—Quiet.
Buckwheat Flour—Quiet at \$1.25@\$1.40.
Buckwheat—Dull at 361-2@37c.
Cornmeal—Firm.
Rye—Steady; No. 2 western. 491-4c.
Barley—Steady; feeding, 283-4c., c. L. f.,
Buffalo.
Barley Math. Steady

Barley—Steady; feeding, 28.3-4c., c. l. l., Buffaio.

Barley Malt—Steady.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, \$1.0114.
Options opened firmer, advanced sharply on fair clearances and active covering, was irregular in the afternoon, with some realizing, and closed firm, on a renewed demand from shorts, at a 3-861-2c. net advance; No. 2 red. January. 88.3-869.

\$87-8c., closed \$8.5-8c.; May, closed \$41-4c.; December, \$1.0931.003-4c.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 25.7-8c., f. o. b., affoat, Options opened firm, with wheat, advanced on large clearances and covering, eased off under realization, but closed steady a, partially a 1-8c., net advance; January, closed 33.7-8c.

Oatz—Spot quiet; No. 2, 28.3-4c. Options dull all day, closing unchanged; February, closed 28.3-8c.; May, closed 28.3-8c.

Beef—Firm.

Cut Meats—Quiet.

Cut Meats-Quiet. Lard-Firmer: " Firmer; western steam closed \$5.

Pork-Firm. Butter-Steady; western creamery, 156 22c.; do. factory, 12015c.; Elgins, 22c.; imitation creamery, 131-2018c.; State dairy, 13020c.; do. creamery, 15721c. Cheese-Firm; large white, September, \$1,1683,46.

81-4083-4c. Eggs—Firm: State and Pennsylvania, 22025-1-2c.; western fresh, 22025c. Potatoes—Quiet: New York, \$2.111-20 \$2.25; sweets, \$2042.25. Petroleum—Dull. Bosin—Steady: strained common to \$2.25; sweets, \$26.42.25.
Petroleum—Dull.
Rosin—Steady; strained, common to good, \$1.406.\$1.45.
Turpentine—Easy at 33.1-46.33.3-4c.

Rice-Quiet.

Molasses-Steady.
Cabbage-Steady at \$3.50%\$4.19.
Cottonsed-Oll-Prime crude, 18%19c.;
do., f. o. b., mills, 141-2%151-2c.; off summer yellow, 21%211-2c.
Coffee-Options opened steady at un mer yellow, 2197211-2c.
Coffee—Options opened steady at unchanged prices to a 5-points advance on
European buying and local covering. Improvement arrested by selling by leading
bear operators and absence of pressure
from "notices." Close barely steady, with
prices unchanged. Sales, 1,250 bags, including January, \$5.80; May, \$5.05. Spot coffee—
Rio dull but steady; mild quiet; Cordova,
\$8.5967815.

NEW YORK DRY-GOODS MARKET. NEW YORK, December 31.—There was to trading of any moment in dry goods o-day. The market ruled quiet, while tock-taking engrossed the attention of il branches, Quotations on all grades fere unchanged, with the exception of ertain prints, upon which new prices ave been made. BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, December 31.—Flour-Dull and unchanged. Wheat-Firmer; spot the month, and January, 97.7-8698c.; May, 94.3-4c. bid; steamer. No. 2 red, 92.7-8698c.; southern wheat, by sample, 936-59c.; do., on grade, 93.1-26.98.1-2c.

Rye-Firm; No. 2 near by, 53c, Hay-Steady; choice timothy, \$13. Grain Freights-Very quiet and un-

nanged. Sugar-Strong and unchanged. Butter-Quiet and unchanged. Eggs and Cheese-Steady and unchang-

Whiskey-Unchanged. CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET. CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 31.—The December wheat deal, like the proverbial March weather, came in "like a lion," and to-day "went out like a lamb." There was no exchement at the session, December winding up at 55c., or 3-8c. above yesterday's close. Speculative business in May was slight but firm, that month closing at a 3-861-2c. advance. Corn and oats were lifeless, and closed at substantially unchanged prices. Provisions were very strong, and closed 10625c, higher.

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CINCINNATI, O., December 31.—Figuret.
Wheat—Easier; No. 2 red, 93 1-2c,
Corn—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 30c,
Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 24 1-2c,
Rys—Quiet; No. 2, 37c,
Provisions—Firm,
Lard—48.62 1-2c,
Bulk Meats—44.45,
Bacon—45.50,
Whiskey—Steady at \$1.19,
Butter—Quiet,
Sugar—Firm,
Eggs—Firm at 16c,
Cheese—Firm.
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LIVERPOOL. December 3L.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand, but with business only moderate; American middling, 31-4d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export, and included 2,400 bales American; receipts, 3,000 bales, including 2,900 bales American, low-middling clause. January, 312-64d., sellers; January and March, 311-64d., sellers; January and March, 311-64d., sellers; April and May, 313-64d., sellers; May and June, 314-6d., buyers; June and July, 315-6dd., buyers; July and October, 318-6dd., sellers; October and October, 318-6dd., sellers; October and October, 318-6dd, sellers; October and November, 318-6de, sellers; October and November, 3

vember, 3 18-6493 19-64d., buyers.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Cotton—
Quiet; middling, 5 15-16c.; net receipts, 1,394
bales; gross receipts, 7,765 bales; exports
to the Continent, 3,226 bales; forwarded,
755 bales; sales, 23 bales—all spinners;
stock, 122,682.

Weekly: Net receipts, 6,566 bales; gross
receipts, 40,701 bales; exports—to Great
Britain, 1,848 bales; to France, 1,984 bales;
to the Continent, 6,314 bales; forwarded,
13,700 bales; sales, 540 bales; spinners, 140
bales.

bales.
Totals to-day: Net receipts, 66,735 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 33,747 bales; to the Continent, 15,153 bales; stock, 1,216,500 bales.

the Continent, 18,185 onles; stock, 1218,305 bales.

Consolidated: Net receipts, 306,567 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 103,180 bales; to France, 2,984 bales; to the Continent, 70,-978 bales.

Totals since September 1st: Net receipts, 5,506,688 bales; exports—to Great Britain, 1,770,413 bales; to France, 494,509 bales; to the Continent, 1,446,885 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady at the decline; sales, 4,000 bales; January, 25,80; March, 25,82; March, 25,83; April, 35,89; May, 35,227 June, 45,88; July, 46,63; August, 36,06; September, 36,06; October, 45,06.

Putures closed steady; sales, 75,700 bales; January, 35,78; Pebruary, 35,89; March, 35,81; April, 35,89; March, 35,81; April, 55,89; May, 5,94; June, 45,88;

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December

Cotton futures steady; sales, 18.00 bales fanuary, 55.565.56; February, 55.5655.60 March, S.4465.46; April, 55.6655.60; May 5.56; June, 55.6165.62; July, 55.6655.67 August, 55.8665.71; September, 55.7465.75 October, 55.7565.76. NAVAL-STORE MARKETS. WILMINGTON, N. C., December 31.-Spirits Turpentine-Quiet at 30 1-4630 3-4c.

Crude Turpentine-Quiet at \$1.40@\$1.9 Tar-Firm at \$1.05; receipts, 211 barrels, NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET. NORFOLK, VA., December 31.—(Special.)—Fancy, 2½c.; strictly prime, 2½c.; orime, 2c.; common, 142c.; Spanish, 6½0

eccipts, 42 casks. Rosin-Firm at \$1.1547\$1.20; receipts, 583

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET. PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.— (Special.)—Virginia nuts steady; prime, 2c.; extra prime, 21-8c.; fancy, 2%c.; common, 14614c., as to quality; black, le.; Spanish firm at 514c. per bushel.

PETERSBURG COTTON MARKET. PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.-Special.)-Cotton-Firm at 51/2c. for good lots; off grades, 4%@5%c.

SENTENCED TO SAW WOOD.

Afterwards Let Go, on the Singed-Rat Plan, to Inform His Pals.

YONKERS, N. Y., December 31 .- City-Judge William C. Kellogg, of this city, had before him yesterday a young va grant named Ernest Vesser. "You tramps," exclaimed the Judge

'are a menace to the city of Yonkers. Your play has been to keep flocking about here in such numbers as to compel the police to arrest you. In your case, Vesser. I intend to make an example. Instead of sending you to the penitentlary, where you could languish with your pals before a fire and while your time away by playing cards, I shall sentence you to work right here in this building, under the surveillance of the police, until this afternoon. You will have to chop wood, shovel coal, sweep the police station floor, and do chores until 4 o'clock, when I will finally dispose of your case."

The young fellow was put to work at

nce, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was told to clear out by the Judge, who hoped he would inform his pals what had happened to him. Vesser left the court as soon as possible.

> A Cherokee Romance. (Topeka Journal.)

The marriage yesterday of Richard Maione and Miss Mary Hildreth at Caldwell, Kan., is the culmination of a ro-When the Cherokee strip was opened

for settlement on September 18, 1893, Malone and Miss Hildreth, at the report of the signal gun along the Southern Kansas border, on their well-trained horses, made the famous race over the plains tegether for a home in the Indian lands.

ands.

The claims they desired lay five miles south of Caldwell. They were maintaining a good lead in the mad rush, when suddenly the girths of Miss Hildreth's saddle broke. Her escort saw her dilemma, reined in his horse, and assisted her. She could go no further, so they staked two claims side by side. They staked two claims side by side. They then erected a house on Miss Hildreth's claim, just across the line. Malone erected a barn, in which he lived during his enforced residence on his claim. Miss Hildreth occupied the house. Last week they both proved up their claims, and yesterday they were married.

The Woman's National Press Associa-tion will hold a congress in Washington, D. C., February 18, and 12, 1898. All wo-men of the press are invited to take

Talent.

(Washington Star.) Congress gettin' ready Fur to make a stand; Legislatures meetin', All around the land. Young men makin' speeches; Boys a-studyin' law; Boys a-studyin' law; Girls learn elocution So's to jine in the hurrah,

Who could be distrus'ful Losin' sleep at night, With all them folks in tranin Fur to run the country right?

MARINE INTELLIGENCH, MINIATURE ALMANAC, JAN. 1, 1894.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 31, 1897.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers; Old Dominion Steamship Company.

SAILED.

Steamer Richmond, Glover, New York;
merchandise and passengers; Old Dominion Steamship Company.
Steamer Yemassee, O'Nell, Philadelphia, merchandise and passengers; Clyde
Line. Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norioik, merchandise and passengers; Virginia Navigation Company.

PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 3180 (By telegraph.) ARRIVED.

Steamer J. S. Enoch, Antwerp. Steamer Blue Jacket, Las Palmas, Schooner A. A. Shaw, Fall River. SAILED. Steamer Orion, Beston. Schooner Fanny Brown, Charleston.

(By telegraph.)

ARRIVEO.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baitimore; passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings; passengers and general cargo.

SAM Element PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 31, 1897.

SAILED. Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore; passengers and general cargo.
Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings; passengers and general cargo.

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